

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Cheng et al.	Examiner:	Stalder, Melissa A.
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2009, the time for reply being extended three months to June 29, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.